

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to an Office Action mailed July 24, 2008. Prior to this response, claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-17, and 19-31 were pending. After amending claims 9, 12-13, 15, 27, and 31, claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-17, and 19-31 remain pending.

In Section 4 of the Office Action claims 12, 15-17, 19-29, and 31 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a). In response, the claim 12 has been amended to recite "the" first scan job. Claim 15 has been amended to recite that the same (first) scan job is being partially processed at 2 nodes. Claim 27 has been amended to recite "the" SDL command, and claim 31 amended to recite "the" scanning device. Claim 31 has been amended to recite "the" scanning device.

In Section 9 of the Office Action, claims 9, 10, and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In response, claim 9 has been amended to recite "a" scan subsystem of the node". Claim 13 has been amended to recite the ~~scan job~~ SDL commands.

Section 11 of the Office Action states that claims 1-6, 8, 11, and 30 are allowed. Note: the Applicant neither expressly agrees nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

Section 12 states that claim 12 would be found allowable. Claim 12 has been amended to address the claim objection, and is dependent from an allowed claim (claim 1). Therefore, claim 12 should now be found allowable.

Section 13 of the states that claims 9-10 and 13 would be found allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 9-10 and 13 have been amended to address these rejections.

The Applicant asserts that the claimed invention is distinguishable from the prior art made of record, but not relied upon. It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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